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Dear Sir/Madam

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990

PROPOSAL: Adjoining Authority Consultation for the Teesside Flexible Regas Port Project

LOCATION: LAND AT SEAL SANDS STOCKTON ON TEES

I refer to the above noted application. The Council has considered the application and a number of responses have been received, most notably by Tees Archaeology. All responses are set out below:

Tees Archaeology: - Thank you for the consultation on this application. We are disappointed to see that the HER information in Chapter 16: Cultural Heritage has been drawn from our online map resource. Our website clearly states that this data should in no circumstances be used for the preparation of documents relating to planning applications. We would therefore not consider this chapter to be a 'high-level appraisal' as stated in the text. The majority of the proposed development site is situated on reclaimed land; however, the text makes no consideration for the potential geo-archaeological remains which may be present, nor does it examine the potential for maritime assets. It is unlikely that the on land construction work will encounter archaeological remains, though without knowing the exact depths of the proposed work, this cannot be discounted. There is a greater potential to assets of an archaeological or geo-archaeological nature to be impacted/encountered during the dredging works for the construction of the jetty or during the possible excavation of the foreshore area.

HBC Ecology: - The Environmental Impact Assessment Scoping Report states that the BNG is not currently mandatory (it is expected to be mandatory from November 2025) under the Environment Act 2021 in respect of Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects (NSIPs). No statement has been made in the Report regarding the approach to BNG being considered by the Applicant. HBC would expect that further information is submitted to describe the BNG approach.

Given the location of the Teesmouth and Cleveland Coast SPA and Ramsar Site (designated for waterbirds) which is located within the Site, HBC would wish to be consulted on the development and completion of the Habitat Regulations Assessment (HRA) as an Adjoining Authority.

HBC Traffic & Transport: - There are no highway concerns/requirements.

HBC Planning Policy: - No requirements/Objections.

HBC Arboricultural Officer: - There is no arboricultural concern/requirements for Hartlepool Borough Council.

HBC Economic Development: - No objections/requirements from Economic Growth.

Marine Management were consulted by the LPA, although they have advised me that they were likely consulted separately to the Hartlepool Borough Council Consultation and would have responded independent of the LPA's response.

If you would like any further information about the Council's decision please contact your case officer Kieran Campbell quoting the reference number given above.

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Yours faithfully

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